

## Message Text

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O R 231047Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4530  
INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 4100

LIMDIS

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN, SL  
SUBJ: IMF MISSION TO SIERRA LEONE

REF: STATE 309440

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT COMPLETED REPORT OF RECENT IMF VISIT,  
BECAUSE SITUATION TOO COMPLEX AT THIS STAGE. FULL REPORT CAN  
BE EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

2. REFTTEL CONTAINS SOME TRUTH AND SOME INACCURACIES. RELIABLE  
LOCAL OBSERVERS DO NOT BELIEVE GOSL QUOTE REJECTED UNQUOTE IMF  
PROPOSALS. APPARENTLY STEVENS WAS VISIBLY SHAKEN BY DECEMBER  
13 MEETING. SUBSEQUENT STEPS HAVE BEEN AND ARE BEING TAKEN  
THAT GOSL HOPES WILL SATISFY IMF WHEN THEY RETURN IN LATE  
FEBRUARY. GOSL BELIEVES COMPROMISE WAS AGREED UPON AND GOSL  
ACTING IN GOOD FAITH. STEPS BEING UNDERTAKEN INCLUDE FIFTEEN  
PERCENT CUT IN GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE, TEN PERCENT REDUCTION  
IN SIZE OF CIVIL SERVICE, SEVERAL ADDED REVENUE MEASURES,  
AND OTHER ITEMS.

3. FCO MAY HAVE BEEN ACTING ON INADEQUATE REPORTING FROM HIGH  
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COMMISSION IN FREETOWN, NOW STAFFED WITH RELATIVE NEWCOMERS  
TO FREETOWN SCENE. KEY IMF CONTACTS FOR DEPARTMENT ARE CHARLES  
MERWIN, US NATIONL, HEAD OF TEAM, AND JOE KEYES, TEAM MEMBER  
AND LONG-TIME FOLLOWER OF GOSL ECONOMY.  
SAMUELS

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